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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR SECTION STAFFING

REF: (A) TEHRAN 1484; (B) STATE 040220; (C) TEHRAN 1635

FROM NEA/EX

1. REFERENCE (A) INDICATES THAT THE EMBASSY REQUIRES TWO PERMANENT AMERICAN POSITIONS AND TWO FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL POSITIONS, THE LATTER ON A SUMMER HIRE BASIS, TO AUGMENT CONSULAR SECTION STAFFING IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASING REQUESTS TO VISIT THE U.S., AND THE RUSH SEASON BEGINNING APRIL.

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, A CONSULAR POSITION FOR TEHRAN IS INCLUDED IN THE FY-75 BUDGET REQUEST. BUREAU FULLY EXPECTS THIS POSITION, WHICH WAS INCLUDED AT EMBASSY'S REQUEST, WILL BE APPROVED. AS IS CUSTOMARY, HOWEVER, BUDGET

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REQUEST PROBABLY WILL NOT RECEIVE APPROVAL BEFORE

APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER.

3. AS FAR AS BUREAU CAN DETERMINE, TEHRAN'S 1484 WAS FIRST INDICATION TO BUREAU OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULAR POSITIONS OTHER THAN POSITION IN BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY-75.

4. TO SATISFY THE FSLE REQUIREMENTS BUREAU PREPARED MAKE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY ON TEMPORARY BASIS TWO POSITIONS TO COVER THE PERIOD APRIL 15 TO OCTOBER 15, 1974.

5. IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR THE AMERICAN POSITIONS THE BUREAU OFFERS THESE POSSIBILITIES:

A. TO PROVIDE ONE PERMANENT POSITION EMBASSY WOULD AGREE TO GIVING UP SECOND B&F OFFICER POSITION. BUREAU WOULD REPROGRAM THIS POSITION ELSEWHERE IN NEA AREA, IN RETURN FOR WHICH IT WOULD PROVIDE TEHRAN WITH PROGRAM POSITION FOR CONSULAR SECTION. IF AGREEABLE, WE WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATE SELECTION FOR MID-MAY ARRIVAL OF JUNIOR OFFICER NOW UNDERGOING TRAINING IN CONSULAR COURSE.

B. BUREAU PROPOSES THREE OPTIONS AS TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS PENDING APPROVAL FY-75 BUDGET REQUEST:

(1) EMBASSY WOULD TRANSFER RECENTLY ACQUIRED BUT AS YET UNFILLED COMMERCIAL POSITION TO CONSULAR SECTION, FOR WHICH WE WOULD PROVIDE CONSULAR OFFICER FOR MID-MAY ARRIVAL. UPON APPROVAL FY-75 BUDGET REQUEST THIS POSITION WOULD BE RETURNED TO COMMERCIAL SECTION AND ITS INCUMBENT IN CONSULAR SECTION WOULD OCCUPY NEW POSITION TO BE CREATED.

(2) HENRY TAYLOR PLANNING MARCH RETIREMENT. EMBASSY COULD BORROW THIS POSITION FROM POLITICAL SECTION FOR CONSULAR SECTION FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS WHEN FY BUDGET APPROVAL EXPECTED. BUREAU WOULD SELECT CANDIDATE FOR MID-MAY ARRIVAL AND EMBASSY COULD RETURN THIS POSITION TO POLITICAL SECTION UPON CREATION CONSULAR POSITION.

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(3) IF CLOSURE KHORRAMSHAHR APPROVED, TAKE ONE OF THE THREE POSITIONS IN KHORRAMSHAHR AND ASSIGN TO TEHRAN CONSULAR SECTION. UPON APPROVAL FY-75 BUDGET, BUREAU WOULD USE ELSEWHERE THE CONSULAR POSITION REQUESTED FOR TEHRAN.

6. BUREAU WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS THESE

SUGGESTIONS. UPON RECEIPT YOUR PREFERENCES, BUREAU WILL
PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH SELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

7. BUREAU WILL ADDRESS ITSELF TO CLOSURE OF KHORRAMSHAHR
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULAR PRESENCE AT ISFAHAN AND
SHIRAZ IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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